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BYS Minutes 10/11/2006

Board of Youth Services Minutes
Wednesday, October 11, 2006

Present: Jeanette Mills, Cindy Sheridan, Elaine Shea, Mary Deyst, Leon Cantor, Gene Lucarelli, Elizabeth Oppedisano, Carlene Newell, Lynn Horgan, Donna Dolan

Absent: Dorothy Williams, Joan Robbio, Dave McKenna

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm.

September 27th Minutes read. Motion to approve by Elaine Shea, seconded by Elizabeth Oppedisano, approved unanimously.

Committee Reports:

CAP: Letter to School Committee read and revised. Will be condensed to one page.

First Step: Elaine Shea reported that Joyce Wilson is back. Elaine is working on ways to let people know there is help available.

AYCC: We now have 23 interns, 7 at AYCC and 16 in schools. Leon reported on the adjustments for interns in the schools. The numbers of students who require access to counseling are far greater than the numbers reported before school began. Special Ed students have mandated counseling as part of IEP. Nate Levenson wants to alter IEP's to reflect true counseling needs of Special Ed. students as many may not actually require counseling, but at the moment it is rubber stamped onto IEP's. Leon agrees with Mr. Levenson. This is a work in progress. There are no school based interns at the Ottoson. Children who are in Alternative program but not in special ed. are not being seen by AYCC counselors.

Alcohol Awareness: Elizabeth reported on school safety issues. Badges-photo ID's will be ready and required on all students and staff at AHS by January. Security has increased with the on-site police officer, Brian Gallagher, and more locked doors around AHS. Leon made note to get badges for AYCC staff who work at the high school.

BYS Policy and Procedure review:

There was discussion on how to proceed with the task of revision. A motion made by Elaine to assign a subcommittee to this task, seconded by Jeanette. Approved unanimously. Larry and Donna will work on first section, Mary and Elaine will work on second section. They will all forward their revisions to Luke and Jeannette by Nov. 2 and a report on the revisions will be made at the Nov. 8 BYS meeting.

Human Rights Commission- Letter from Human Rights commission to the BYS reviewed, our letter in response with our contact information and support reviewed and approved to be sent out.

New Business:

Donna- Would like the BYS to receive and review information about crossing guards. The Board will ask Dave McKenna to provide this information when he is in attendance.

Elaine asked the Board to take a moment to acknowledge the passing of a former BYS member, Jean Donaghue. Jean passed away this past summer. The Board discussed her many contributions to the town of Arlington. Donation will be accepted at the next BYS meeting and a card will be sent with this donation to the Boys and Girls Club in her

memory.

Leon- would like to revise e-list, and announced that Christine Connolly, Director of Health and Human Services will attend the next BYS meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Jeanette, seconded by Luke.

Next meeting November 8.

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Sheridan